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### OLD TIME WAGON SHOWS I HAVE SEEN By William N. Purtil - C.H.S.

The first wagon show I remember seeing was the Walter L. Main Show, on August 20th, 1888. At that time it had 60 horses and that was the first season the show carried an elephant. Some of the performers that I can recall were Prof. Joe Berris, Patterson Bros., Bill LaRue and Geo. Bickel - and Main's talking horse, Dan Rice, and of course many others.

The Charles Lee Old Reliable Show came on August 18th, 1890. This was a seventy horse wagon show with Charles Lee as Owner, Harry Mann General Agent, Louis Bauvals, One-arm acrobat, along with Bill Clifton, Tiny Clifton, Tullis Wright, Harry Rogers were among the performers that I can remember.

I have a newspaper ad of the show which reads "The Chas. Lee Old Reliable Show will exhibit at Westerly, (R.I.) Monday, August 18th (1890) - afternoon and evening. The largest and best 25 cent show on Earth every feature will be produced just as advertised, brand new in every department - 22 years on the road - turning people away daily. A show based strictly on its merits - no fakirs - no thieves tolerated with this show. Will exhibit on Barbers old circus lot Westerly on Monday, August 18th; Stonington - Tuesday, August 19th, Mystic Bridge on Wednesday, August 20th. Bear in mind - 25 cents admits to all."

Harper Bros., a small wagon show out of Worcester, Mass. was also here in 1890. Among the performers with same were Robert Stickney Sr., and Joe LaFleur.

In 1894 the James W. Goodrich wagon show was out of Bridgeport, Conn., stopped at Westerly. The first season for this show, James Goodrich and wife were performers having been with the T. K. Burk, Sells Bros., and Ringling Bros. Shows. Others performing were Valveno Bros., Clymer Sisters, Bill Lee, Albert Heintz and many others. Herbert Swift had the Band. Art Selby was the Agent, John Lucy, a native of Pawtucket was boss canvasman. The Goodrich Show came year after year. In 1901 he had a big wagon show of 32 wagons and cages known as the Goodrich Hoffman and Soutys Circus. On September 7th, 1903 - Goodrich was killed by an elephant, while working on the Goodrich and Quintards Trained Animal Shows.

Conroys North American Wagon Show was here in 1898, it was out of Pawtucket, R.I. Ask any Easterner of this or days gone by to name the greatest wagon showman who ever visited their town and they will almost to a man say "Sig Sautelle" - who was probably known to more people in New England and New York State than any other showman for



## Old Wagon Shows I have Seen -- (continued)

the reason that it was his custom to make friends with his patrons and he and his diamond horse-shoe shirt pin are remembered by thousands. Sig always carried a good show for years. His favorite artists were Chas. and Jennie Ewers; Charlie Watson and wife; Billy and Lottie Lorenz; Dannie Ryan; Tom Finn who had the side show; Charlie Banks was press agent, Dave Haley Agent, Frank Stowell on the Advance. Sig's first visit here was on July 27th 1900. That year he had a 141 horse wagon show. He played to a big crowd. Charlie Clayton had the side show and the old shell game was working the first time. I met Clayton later when he was with the J.H. LaPearl Show doing a strong man act - after leaving the Sautelle Show he lived in Hope Valley, R.I., and started out from there in 1901 with Capt. Clayton's Wagon Show. This latter show only lasted one season.

Sig Sautelle came again on July 20th 1911 - at which time Sig. Sautelle, Oscar Lowanda and Geo. W. Rollins were the owners. By the way, it was a Westerly boy, Otto Yeager who put Geo. W. Rollins in the circus business on the Scribner and Smith Wagon Show. The Sautelle Show with these three owners was the last of the old-time-wagon-shows.

I also saw the Tompkins Wild West and circus at Mystic, Conn., Sept. 14th 1913. This was a wagon show, other wagon shows of the 1890 days were the Sparks and Cole Overland Shows who opened the season May 1st 1893 at Chataugay, N.Y., and went as far East as Kennebunk, Maine and never stopped for four years going from wagons to rail. John H. Sparks was owner. George S. Cole, Manager. Charles Sparks - present day well-known showman - then only a boy, was Equestrian Director; James Chattaway was Band Leader; Theo Long Agent; Geo. H. Irving had the side show.

In 1894 Cole and Lockwood United Shows opened at Potsdam, N.Y., Geo. S. Cole and A.L. Lockwood were the owners. Geo. S. Cole Manager, Frank Burns agent, James Chattaway - Band Leader, Charles Gregory Equestrian Director; Bert Cole - Treasurer. Charles Evans - Boss Hostler; James Caskey - Boss Canvasman with George Irving owner and manager of the Side Show. This was a real one ring circus and was first class in every respect.

The following persons were on the show - Willie Lowanda and wife as riders; Leavitt and Nevel - jugglers, leapers, and tumblers; Gregory Bros., and Fritz - bars, traps and leaps; Archie Royer and John Lancaster - clowns; Mrs. Royer, wire artist; Harry Blondell, strong man and many others. Their season closed on October 1st.

Scribner and Smith toured the east in 1893 with 110 head of stock and played that section for two years. Sam Scribner and Neil Smith were the owners, and Geo. Gallagher general agent.

I personally knew many of the people that were with the old wagon shows and have many fine historical photographs of the old timers but nearly all of them have answered the Final Call -- and very few of them are left.

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We pay tribute to our Late Member - Geo. Kelly - of Guelph, Ont., Canada by quoting from a letter written to our Secretary - John Lync, shortly before Mr. Kelly's death - in which he recalled an old Clown Song of 60 years ago:

"And your little wife you know  
When to work you have to go  
In a little parcel packs your food away,  
She is so mild and meek as she  
Toils on through the week  
But why is she so fond of Saturday".

"She wants your money,  
Aint it funny - how it drives  
Away all sorrow and all care  
If you want Honey, you must have money  
Oh its money, money money, every where".

Any members having  
copies of  
old clown songs  
are asked to send  
them in for  
publication.

The Editor.



"THE GOLDEN DAYS OF CHILDHOOD"  
By Joseph Shields, CHS 66.

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We, as members of the Circus Historical Society, let's go back to yesteryear, those beautiful memory days of long ago, those rainy days, when we used to go barefooted; stand in a puddle of mud and with a sense of glee, squash it between our toes. Those days of the ole swimmin' hole; those days when we used to trek several miles on the ole dusty roads, with a pole and line over our shoulder, on our way to the ole fishin' place; a creek out in the country.

Back to my old home town, back to my ole playmates; Bill, Slim, Gene and Jake.

My memory picture returns to late in August of 1910. Living with my dear Grandparents, I was sent to town to buy a few groceries. Naturally, I ask one of my pals to go along. As we rounded the corner of Second and Main St., our eyes suddenly beheld the colorful posters announcing the coming to our town of "Ringling Bros., World's Greatest Shows". As we stood there, admiring those beautiful posters, the picture of the five Brothers, whose names shall go down in history -- I turned to my pal, Jake -- Gee! Jake I'd sure like to see this show. Reckon we can scrape up enough money to go?

Somehow, strange enough, when circus day did come, we did have the money. As my story goes on, after several sleepless nights, September the 9th soon rolled along. Our plans all made up, Circus Day being September 10th, we decided to stay up all night, and watch the circus trains come in.

Just kids of course, we little realized what worry we would cause our folks by being away from home all night. We made our way to the railroad yards, and spent the night in a passenger coach. A swell place to stay at that.

As the dawn broke in the Eastern skies, a faint sound of a locomotive whistle aroused us from our place of waiting. It didn't take us long to get out of that car; only to be disappointed by a morning passenger train coming in. Still we waited, eagerly waiting for our dreams to come true. Our reward came when again we heard a long and welcome sound of another locomotive coming over the hill.

Boy's here she comes. What a sight. Locomotive puffing, wheels screeching, and Oh! what color. Long yellow cars, laden with wagons, canvas covered cages, wherein dwelt mysterious noises stock cars loaded with scores of horses and elephants. The passenger coaches with all the performers etc., etc.

Soon the wheels came to a grinding stop. From seemingly nowhere -- appeared scores of men, doors slid open, runs were laid, and there -- right in front of our big awe stricken eyes, we behold the thing, we still love "THE CIRCUS - THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH".

Then things happened; Wagons began to move, pulled by teams of beautiful horses, elephants formed in line, for the trek to the lot. We followed right along.

In a short while, after reaching the grounds there was plenty of activity everywhere. Cookhouse soon was up; the aroma of good food soon touched our noses, huge tents were raised, many wagons kept rolling in, and as kids will do -- we now and then got a peek at the mysterious wonders hidden inside those carved and beautiful cages. Of course we were hungry. No breakfast. We didn't mind that.

Oh. Jake! Come here -- Look at the giraffes. Yes! it was our first real look at a real live giraffe. Then out of a clear sky, came the notes of a bugle. Horses were being hitched to beautiful wagons; plumes placed in their bridles; so we sensed it was "Parade Time". We hurried ahead, and reached Main St., where already, hundreds of people had lined the curbs.

In a few moments, swinging around the corner of 5th and Main came, at last, that Wonder of Wonders -- the Grand, Glorious and Gorgeous street



"The Golden Days of Childhood" - Continued.

Parade; Scores of Beautiful Riders, Magnificent carved Band Chariots, many cages of Lions, Tigers'n everything that goes to make a Circus Parade.

"Hold your Horses", came the cry from a rider - for the elephants were coming. Yes! those ever faithful lumbering beasts followed by the shrill notes of the old Steam Calliope.

The afternoon passed in a Glorious Entrancing parade of Wonders of the Big Top; The Band; the peanuts and popcorn, and the red lemonade.

Then a group of tired and weary young lads, returned home; to eat, to sleep and dream of a day, that forever remains a happy memory to all lovers of the Circus.

Memories to each of us ---- "The Glorious Days of Childhood".

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THE AUCTION BLOCK

Our members have responded nobly in donating items for the Auction Block for the Holiday Season, with the result that we offer the following to the highest bidders. Please send in your bids on any of the following lots not later than January 10th 1944. Send your bids (without any cash) to the Secretary, John B. Lyon, 22-A Charles St., Guelph, Ont., Canada. We are extending this time to make up for Christmas delays in the mail, and also so that members can put to good use some of that "extra Holiday" money. So here we are Members ---what am I bid!--

- Lot No. 1: FIFTEEN PHOTOS (15) -  $3\frac{1}{2}$  x 5" size, including Merle Evans, "Buffalo Bill", Antoinette Concello, Slivers Oakley (old-time clown in costume) Tiger Bill & Wife, Naitto Troupe, Jorgen Christansen, famous horse trainer, et., (Barnes, Wallace, Seils-Sterling, Ringling, Tom Mix and other shows represented in this group). From the Don Smith Collection. Photos not taken by Don Smith, but all sharp and clear. Several studio views.
- Lot No. 2: John Robinson Circus - Season 1921 - 4 - 4 x 6" photos showing front entrance and side show, elephant pushing wagon; Ben Hur tab, etc., Donated by Walter W. Tyson, CHS.
- Lot No. 3: Downie Bros., Circus - 15 - size 116 - (Motor) parade photos for season 1932. Fine views of the large painted trucks. Donated by W. Koford, CHS.
- Lot No. 4: Two photos of advertising cars that should be in every collection. Advertising Car for John Robinson Circus and Sells-Floto Circus - coupled together on siding with staff gathered in foreground. Season 1920. Other photo of John Robinson Advertising Car - season 1921. Both photos size approx. 3 x 8". Fine for framing. Donated by W. Koford, CHS.
- Lot No. 5: Herald - 10 x 28" - season 1937. Ringling-Barnum Circus. Nice Copy. Donated by F.M. Farrell, CHS.
- Lot No. 6: Two Lithos - King Bros., 1 sheet - lady riding horses and two bulls shown;  $\frac{1}{2}$  sheet - Clowns and Liberty horses in ring; and one date sheet, for Mill Bros.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sheet strip. Donated by Burns M. Kattenberg, CHS.
- Lot No. 7: Three lithos; 1 sht RB & BB - Alfred Court and mixed group of animals. very fine;  $\frac{1}{2}$  sht Cole Bros., "Boxing Horses"; and  $\frac{1}{2}$  sheet Cole Bros., Title sheet featuring the "Australian Wallabies". A nice group - donated by Burns M. Kattenberg, CHS.

(see Auction continued next sheet)



THE AUCTION BLOCK (Continued)Lot No. 8:

Twelve (12) photos - Size #116 - Terrell Jacobs Wild Animal Circus on World of Mirth Carnival - showing wagons, lot scenes, etc., - Donated by A. Gunther, CHS.

And so ends the Holiday Auction! There are many fine items in the above and so get your bids in early and bid on several lots!

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MY VISIT TO COLE BROS.

P.M. Silloway CHS caught Cole Bros., Circus for the second time recently at Spokane, Wash., and was the guest of the show from there on through Wenatchee, Everett, and Seattle, having previously followed the show from Lewiston, Monn., and adding a lot of snapshots to the generous list he made last season. At Butte, Mon., he was fortunate in getting a nice picture of "Pitt", the elephant which was killed the next afternoon at Dillon, Mont., the film being made without knowing the elephant's name, while ready for the spec and ridden by Miss Ruth Nelson. The high spot of this outing was at Everett, Wash., where members of the new Ernestine Clark Tent (CFA) were waiting in force for circus day.

Harold Rumbaugh carries a membership in the Model Builders Society, while Dorothy Rumbaugh has membership in CHS. The Rumbaugh have a most attractive circus room in their beautiful home in Everett, where they have on display the Rumbaugh and MacLain Minature Circus, with open door for itinerant CFA's, CHS's and Model Builders. The Rumbaughs had charge of all preliminary ticket and bond sales for the Everett engagement of Cole Bros., at their big department store in Everett and to put the matter over properly they carried a half page display advertisement in the daily newspapers, with net results of \$33,000 War bond sales and 1700 children's tickets. Then on showday Ernestine Clark Tent entertained 100 orphans at the matinee, with coke and peanuts ad lib. These fans were out early to greet the show train, and spent the entire day enjoying the hospitality of the circus dining tent, making acquaintances on the back lot, and watching the tearing down to make it a full day.

The Rumbaughs picked up "P.M.S." immediately upon his arrival in Everett at an unseemly hour, and entertained him in royal manner at their home during his stay in Everett and Seattle. The fans of Ernestine Clark Tent No.19 of Bellingham and Everett, are certainly doing their bit and then some - to keep our beloved American Institution - known as the circus - on the road and going places throughout the successive season.

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Members will note that we are truly doing things up in good style for the Christmas Season this year - with no less than three photos enclosed with this issue of the Bandwagon. In keeping with the feature article regarding the Old Time Wagon Shows - Don Smith sent us a negative of what is no doubt the first Circus Bandwagon to be featured on any show and was built for "Rowe's Pioneer Circus" of California in the early '50's. Bass Drum was suspended on rear of the wagon as shown. Don is at present building a 1" scale model of this wagon. Don has assumed full cost of this photo, and it is to be considered as a special Holiday gift from him.

Along the same line - and to further show the splendid co-operation that the Editors receive from so many members - Chas Kitto CHS kindly loaned us two of his fine photos for sending out. The regular photo with the Bandwagon is to be considered the photo of the "Columbus" bandwagon taken on lot of Miller Bros., 101 Ranch Wild West Show at Beloit, Wis., July 23rd 1930. Note the heavy carving. The other photo enclosed shows the "Great Britain" Bandwagon taken on the same show and same day but is given to members with the compliments of Walter W. Tyson, CHS, who has assumed cost of this photo.

Both Chas. Kitto and Don Smith are to be thanked again for their kindness in loaning these negatives from their well known circus collections of photos.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAIL BAG

At the recent Shrine Circus in Wichita, Kansas CHS Bette Leonard visited with many circus acquaintances. Among them Dolly Jacobs, CHS Bill Woodcock, Joe Siegrist, Carolina Hodgini and husband, Bobby Gordon and Grace and "Dutch" Orton; Conchita and Billy Pape and Rudy and Emma Rudynoff and son.

CHS Dick Anderson aerialist with RB&BB past season and who also wrote Dressing Tent News for the Billboard is at his home in Wilmington, Delaware, and already looking forward to next season under the Big Top.

CHS Frank Norton last season with Bright Lights Exposition Shows is wintering in Buchanan, Va., and writes "Have quite a menagerie here now, 8 snakes in my bedroom, a dragon running around loose and a ring-tailed cat chained up."

Chas. H. White CHS whose experiences were the subject of a recent featured article in the Bandwagon, was a visitor in Jersey City recently and while there "hit the head-lines" with a long write-up of his life, the boyhood of which was spent in that City. He provided excellent "copy" and the whole story of his circus career was given prominence in the paper. For those who might desire a copy of this article for their file - same is published in The Jersey Journal, under date of Tuesday, October 12th.

In the same vein - might mention that CHS W. W. Tyson is written up in current issue of Hobbies Magazine, with a picture and description of part of his circus collection. CHS A. Morton Smith is Editor of the Hobbies Circusiana Department, as many of you know.

CHS Davitt has in his possession a Ringling Route book for season 1901 and notes that on June first at Watertown, N.Y., "The Life Story of Ringling Bros.," a bound volume was offered for sale in the menagerie for the first time. Davitt also has a copy of this latter book, and written inside the front cover is a date "Sept. 14th, 1901" - and on looking up this date in the route book he finds "Sept. 14th - Pomona, Calif., -- arrived 9: a.m. Los Angeles announce death of President McKinley at 2:15 a.m. in Buffalo, N.Y." ---- History too is preserved items of Circusiana!

CHS E. W. Cripps has uncovered another way of getting The Circus before the eyes of the public. He has written to the Editor of the Collingwood, Ont., Canada "Bulletin" - telling of how much he enjoys the 50-years-ago column and comments on the mention made of old Circus and Stage Shows and then goes on to tell of his hobby and mentions the Circus Historical Society, and finishes by making this suggestion that the paper run a column on old time shows which have visited the town in years gone by.

CHS Ernest O. Jensen of Tacoma, Wash., writes "I had a very enjoyable circus-season. I visited three shows, Arthur Bros., Russell Bros., and Cole Bros. I met a lot of new friends, as well as old ones and they all treated me swell".

CHS Wm. Purtill who recently joined our membership has written the feature article for this Holiday Issue. Purtill is a well known collector and has many fine old items, and is a gold-mine of information on the old shows.

Another recent member Joseph L. Tracey writes "At the age of two years, in 1890, we lived in North Platte, Nebr., not far from the Cody Ranch, (Buffalo Bill). It was this year that my father joined the Buffalo Bill Show, as a bronk rider and fancy roper and stayed with the show until 1901, when it played here in Buffalo-Pan American Exposition. After that year my people moved to Schenectady, N.Y., and in the year 1903, at the age of about 16 years, I joined Al. F. Wheeler Shows." - this just goes to show that the ex-troupers are taking CHS seriously.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAIL BAG - (Continued)

CHS Arthur Gunther visited for the second time The Terrell Jacobs Wild Animal Circus at New London, Conn., - as all members know Terrell Jacobs is an Honorary Member of CHS. Gunther reports a very fine performance, also that Jacobs has added a very nice new big trailer house to his equipment. Gunther was made to feel very much at home and every courtesy was extended to him.

Wm. Koford CHS writes that he expects to go out with a show next season, on which he will have several duties to perform.

CHS Art Stensvad who keeps almost ahead of the times with printed material for his Mystical Shows - has sent us a fine complimentary ticket for his "Robert Brother's Combined Circus". Any collector who would like one of these - just write to Art for one and he will be glad to oblige. (And by the way - the printed ticket is the handiwork of Bill Green - CHS Official Printer).

CHS Fred. Pfening, Jr., has been discharged from the army and is back home again at Columbus, Ohio.

Also - Frank A. Norton advises that his address until April, 1944 is Post Office Box 152, Buchanan, Va.,

CHS Maurice Allaire who has been in the Army, and recently had an unfortunate accident - has left the hospital and has been discharged from the service and is now at his home in Portland, Maine.

CHS Geo. E. Lloyd (No. 87) has joined the U.S. Navy and entered on November 11th.

Thanks of the members is due to Bill Green CHS who handled the recent election ballots and all matters in connection therewith in such an efficient manner. Bill is a busy man with his printing and many other duties, but when called on always is willing to co-operate and we can count on him with his promptness. Thanks Bill -- we will call on you again in two years.

CHS Jim Chloupek writes "I just made another good pick-up, a Barnum and Bailey poster used in Europe".

CHS Bill Woodcock has recently written a letter that contains much news of interest to CHS members. --- "went to Macon, Ga., and helped Mrs. Jacobs take the elephants and the lion act she works to Wichita, Kansas for the Orrin Davenport Shrine Date....took unit to Peru, Ind., and Terrell Jacobs brought the rest of the show in from Richmond, Va., and we put it away for a brief rest. Had fine visits at Macon, with CHS Eddie Jackson, and Mr. Charles Sparks and with Fred. and Bette Leonard at Wichita, Kansas.....at Logansport, Ind., visited with Jimmy O'Connor and CHS Chalmer Condon.....am looking forward to seeing Burt Wilson here at Hot Springs, Ark., to look over my collection."

Members will see from the enclosed Membership list that we have now passed our objective of 100 members before the end of '43.....

Member No. 100 is that well known circus editor and collector, Fred. P. Pitzer, who has been Vice-President for 14 years of the Circus Saints and Sinners Club of America; former editor of the "Circus Scrap Book" and present editor of the Collectors Column in the Bill-board. CHS Pitzer has a fine collection of circusiana and is very well known to collectors throughout the country. Welcome Pitzer!

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The Editors wish to say thank you on behalf of the members to those who have contributed and co-operated so freely during the past year to make the Bandwagons a success. And particularly those who loaned negatives, and to those too, who have taken space in this issue, and thus enabled us to make this a large Holiday Issue.....



ELECTION FLASH!

As the work of setting up this Holiday Issue was in progress we have received word from Election Commissioner Bill Green that the following officers have been elected for the years 1944 and 1945.....

President - Walter W. Tyson CHS 2, 27 Green Street  
Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

Vice-President - Burt L. Wilson CHS 37,  
7655 Sheridan Road,  
Chicago, 26, Ill., U.S.A.

Secretary - John B. Lyon, CHS 15,  
22-A Charles St.,  
Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

Treasurer - Walter J. Pietschmann, CHS 3,  
7337 Third Street,  
Detroit, Mich., U.S.A.

The members will understand, of course, that the President and Secretary were elected by acclamation, and the other two were covered by the ballott.

In addition to the above the President takes pleasure in announcing the re-appointment of:

Don. F. Smith, Founder of CHS and Member No. 1,  
Box 246, Farmington, Mich., U.S.A.

as PUBLICITY DIRECTOR for the following two years.

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Further information regarding the election will be covered by an early news letter which will be issued at the first of the coming year.

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In furtherance to previous mention re the two old Miller Bros., 101 Ranch Wild West Bandwagons enclosed with this issue - it might be called to your attention that No. 80 - is identified as the "Columbus" Bandwagon - and No. 100 is known as the "Great Britain" or "John Bull" Bandwagon. We wonder who will be the first one to write to the Editors and tell us what carving appears on the other wise of the Bandwagon No. 80? Now, historians - check this up and put on your thinking caps.

The Editor.

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Members are requested to destroy all previous Membership lists, as several changes of address are on the new ones enclosed. Also - be careful to preserve the enclosed, as it is our intention to print a fourth sheet when the number of new members is sufficient for the purpose.

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John M. Brown CHS writes that he has recently received a Barnum and Bailey and Hutchinson 1881 folder - when opened measures twelve feet in length and pictures the complete street parade on both sides. There are band chariots, floats, open dens, Tom Thumb's Coach, Giraffe Wagon, elephants, horned horses, camels, etc. All clearly engraved and at the head of the parade there is a panoramic scene of the lot with all the tents erected. This is indeed a rare and interesting souvenir. We wonder if any of our old timers can give us any information about this advertising piece.



## MENAGERIES &amp; CIRCUSES THAT VISITED BELFAST, MAINE, BETWEEN 1816&amp;1852.

(From HISTORY OF THE CITY OF BELFAST, Joseph Williamson, 1877)

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1816, June 26. An elephant and a lion were here for several days; the elephant in the stable of the Huse tavern, and the lion in a barn which stood on the site of the Johnson Block.

1823, July 5,6. The first exhibition here of a large collection of wild animals took place on Spring Street, below Church Street. The admission fee was twenty-five cents; children half price.

1825, May 30 & 31. A caravan of wild animals is advertised in the "Gazette", to be exhibited at the Eagle Hotel.

1827, May 18. Elephant, caravan, and wax statues exhibited at the Eagle Hotel. "Music on the Jewish Cymbals."

1829. The New York Caravan exhibited "for one day only."

1833, July 23. National Menagerie, from one to six o'clock.

1834, July 2. The Menagerie of Waring, Tufts, & Co. exhibited on the Common.

1835, June 5. First appearance of the New York Zoological Institute, having forty-seven wagons, one hundred and twenty gray horses, and sixty men.

1836, June 6. A menagerie and circus combined exhibited here. From this place, it moved eastward and ultimately to the British Provinces. It was on its return to the States on board the "Royal Tar" at the time of her destruction by fire, October 25, near the Fox Islands.

1838, June 19. Menagerie of June, Titus, Angevine, & Co., near the Academy.

1838, July 16. American Arena of Turner, Sons, & Co., exhibited on "Primrose Hill."

1841, June 30. Menagerie and Equestrian Troupe of June, Titus, Angevine, & Co.

1842, July 14 & 15. Howe's and Mabie's equestrian company exhibited.

1843, Sept. 13. Caravan of Raymond & Co. appeared, preceded by a car drawn by four elephants in harness.

1844, July 12 Rockwell & Stone's "American Olympiad" exhibited.

1845, June 17. Rockwell & Stone's circus, or "American Olympiad," again appeared.

1846, July 18. Rockwell & Stone's circus.

Aug. 8. Van Amburgh's caravan exhibited on Waldo Avenue.

1847, July 22 & 23 Stone's circus exhibited.

Aug. 2. Sands, Lent, & Co's circus.

1848, June 30. June, Titus, & Co.'s circus and caravan.

1849 Aug. 6. R. Sands & Co.'s circus, or "Hippo-feraeon Arena," was in town.

1850, July 27. A circus was here, accompanied by an "Appollonicon."

1851, July 27. Spalding & Roger's circus.

Aug. 5. Herr Driesbach's menagerie exhibited on Waldo Avenue.

1852, July 1, Sands & Co.'s and Quick & Co.'s circus and menagerie.

Contributed by Allen P. Wescott, proprietor of The Gunroom Book-sellers, North Castine, Me., — whose ad appears on another page of this issue. Thank you Mr. Wescott!



Notes collected by Don F. Smith - CHS 1 - from the  
BILLBOARD - 21 years ago - December 15th, 1922

Eddie Jackson (CHS) Press Agent of Sparks Circus, called at the Bill-board office in Cinn. on his way to winter quarters of the Show at Central City Park, Macon, Ga. He had just spent four days at his home in Akron.

Chas. Ringlings' palatial yacht "Symphonia" has reached Sarasota, Fla., winter home of Mr. Ringling. The crew includes among others D. D. Hawkins, Captain; L. A. Asp, Engineer; and John M. Staley (CHS) steward. Staley was the private top waiter on the show and will fill same position on the "Symphonia".

--- Headlines ---

Havre de Grace, Md., --- Extensive improvements to be made at once at W. L. Main winter quarters. "Old 92" that has done service as #1 Bandwagon for many seasons, is being torn apart, and heading parade next year will be a mammoth new Band Chariot with plenty of room for Bill Fowlers' musicians.

Houston, Tex., --- Gentry Show to be sold in entirety, in Houston by J. B. Austin, receiver, on January 10th, 1923. Show consists of 15 cars and complete equipment.

Bridgeport, Conn., --- Fire at R. B. winter quarters! A stampede of the elephant herd was averted by employees, who called out each bull by name, during fire at winter quarters - December 15th. Fire was confined mostly to the cookhouse and described as "trifling" by the Show, although it would have been disastrous to many another circus.

Montana Belle Show closed on December 7th and will winter at Hot Springs, Ark., Show will enlarge for next season, and 7 cages of wild animals added to the side show.

Fred. Ledgett will act as equestrian director for Sells-Floto next season. He is one of the best known showmen in the business and has been with John Robinson circus for past several seasons.

Advertisements

Complete 10 car Circus for sale!  
Cheap for cash (except live stock)  
Campbell-Bailey-Hutchinson,  
Tarboro, N.C.

Wanted - Wanted - Wanted  
Acts for John R. Agee's All  
Star Circus  
Greatest 1 Ring Circus in  
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Notes continued - by Don F. Smith CHS 1.

(Also from the Billboard dated January 24th, 1925 - the following item should end the famous wagon argument for all time).

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"Robbins Bros., Circus to open April 25th at Granger, Iowa. Show will be 25 cars, but more to be added to carry extra wagons under construction. Paint shop has turned out tableaux wagons — United States, Great Britain, Belgium, China, France and Panama to be used in parade of the Nations, and workers are busy on others, including a new calliope. A new vehicle is being built on the old Bandwagon style, and the sides of the old Forepaugh-Sells Bandwagon are being used in its construction. The carvings on this wagon are 18" deep. Baggage wagons were built under supervision of Earl Sinnot; C.J. McCarthy in charge of the paint shop, with seven assistants, and 5 men employed in Gold Leafing. (Above item was sent to Billboard by James Morse, Secretary of Show).

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CIRCUS WINTER QUARTERS - Season 1901

Compiled and sent to us by  
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Adell's Dog and Pony Show .....	Fort Recovery, Ohio.
Aments Big City Show .....	Muscatine, Iowa.
B.B. & H. ....	Antigo, Wisconsin.
Bailey & Sons .....	Houston, Texas.
Bailey Twin Sisters .....	Urbana, Ohio.
Barker Bros. ....	Portsmouth, Ohio
Barlow's .....	Syracuse, Ind.,
Barnum & Bailey .....	London, England
Bonheur Bros. ....	Augusta, Ohio.
Buchanan Bros. ....	Des Moines, Iowa.
Buckskin Bill's Wild West .....	Paducah, Kentucky.
Buffalo Bill's Wild West .....	Bridgeport, Conn.
Campbell Bros., .....	Fairbury, Nebraska.
Carlisle's Wild West .....	Lynn, Mass.
Clark, M.L. ....	Alexandria, La.
Clark Bros., .....	Atoka, Indian Territory.
Clark's United Shows .....	Alexandria, La.
Conklin's - Pete .....	West Hoboken, N.J.
Cullins Bros. ....	Concordia, Kansas.
Darling's Dog & Pony .....	Marshall, Missouri.
Dock's - Sam .....	Fort London, Pa.
Doherty's Dog & Pony .....	Kansas City, Mo.
Downie's - Andrew .....	Medina, N.Y.
Ely's, George S. ....	Metropolis City, Ill.
Exposition Circuit .....	Canton, Ohio.
Ewers Bros. ....	West Point, Iowa.
Forepaugh-Sells Bros. ....	Columbus, Ohio.
Gaskill's - Col. Frank W. ....	Canton, Ohio.
Gentry's Dog & Pony .....	Bloomington, Ind.
Gibb's Olympic .....	Wapakoneta, Ohio.
Gollmar Bros. ....	Baraboo, Wisc.
Goodrich & McLaughlin .....	Bridgeport, Conn.
Haag - Mighty .....	La Compe, La.
Hagenbeck's - Carl .....	Chicago, Ill.
Hall & Long's .....	Evansville, Wisc.
Happy Bob Robinson .....	Lancaster, Ohio.
Harris Nickle Plate .....	Chicago, Ill.
Holloway Bros. ....	Montello, Wisc.
Huston's .....	Winchester, Ind.
Kemp Sister's Wild West .....	El Paso, Ill.
Kennedy Bros. ....	Bloomington, Ill.
King & Ziemer .....	St. Louis, Mo.
Lambrigger's - Gus .....	Orville, Ohio.
LaPlace - Mons. ....	Lower Salem, Ohio.
Lemen Bros. ....	Argentine, Kansas.
Main, Walter L. ....	Geneva, Ohio.
Mc Cormick Bros. ....	Gallipolis, Ohio.
McDonald, Walter J. ....	Abilene, Kansas.
McGregor & Co. ....	Detroit, Mich.



Circus Winter Quarters - Season 1901  
(Continued)

Norris Bros.,	Oakland, California.
Pawnee Bill's Wild West	Chester, Pa.
Perrin's D. W.	Eaton Rapids, Wisc.
Perry & Pressly	Webster City, Iowa.
Prescott & Co.	Rockland, Maine.
Reed's - A.H.	Vernon, Ind.
Rehn, George	Horton, Kansas.
Reno's Oriental Shows	Aurora, Nebraska.
Rice's Dog & Pony Show	New Albany, Ind.
Ringling Bros.	Baraboo, Wisc.
Robinson's, John	Terrace Park, Ohio.
Saint Julian Bros.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Sautell's - Sig.	Homer, N.Y.
Schafer & Cook Bros.	Portsmouth, Ohio.
Schiller Bros. & Orr	Kansas City, Mo.
Sells & Grey	Peru, Ind.
Shott Bros.	Bluefield, W. Va.
Smith, Col. J. F.	Centropolis, Maine.
Sun Bros.	Raleigh, N.C.
Thomas & Pearl's	Yellow Creek, Iowa.
Trout & Foster's	Elmira, N.Y.
Tuttle's Olympic	Linesville, Pa.
Wallace Shows	Peru, Ind.
Ward's Shows	Plymouth, Mass.
Welsh Bros.	Lancaster, Pa.
Wetterer's	Massillon, Ohio.
Whitney's	Attica, Ohio.
Williams, W.O.	Gallatin, Tenn.
Wintermute Bros.	Hebron, Wisc.

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PLACED IN ME AT THE RECENT  
ELECTION

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HAPPY  
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YEAR

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CANADA

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ME SECRETARY OF C.H.S.

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CHS - 15  
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